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COMMENTS:

Comments regarding
Statewide Transportation Improv. Plan (STIP)

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To Whom It May Concern:

The first comment of the Tribal council is, every community in this great state of Alaska should be served by a highway.

This gives the State of Alaska several options:

- A bridge connecting every island in the State to the mainland and having access to the capital of Alaska and the capital of the United States.
- The concept of a connecting highway to the outlying communities. For example, the Alaska Marine Highway as it was first installed and scheduled.


The Southeast communities do have ferry terminals that can accommodate large vessels except for the community of Angoon. The State of Alaska does have the funds to enlarge the present facility.

Having said all this the Tribe proposes the State to consider implementing an overall efficient Highway System for the Southeast communities. Three Taku type ferries should be used to service the Southeast communities in the summer months, making a stop in every community going south from Skagway, Alaska to Bellingham, Washington. These same ferries should also go north to make a stop in every community from Bellingham, Washington to Skagway, Alaska.

The ferry system is the highway for the Southeast communities and we do pay a toll to use the present highway.

People involved in the planning and scheduling of the ferry system should be required to have traveled on the ferry.

Sincerely,


Edward Gamble, Sr.
President